



## **Testimony on House Bill 2360**

### **House General Government and Budget**

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Thank you for the opportunity to submit neutral written testimony for HB 2360 relating to establishing the division of the State Employee Health Plan (SEHP) in the Department of Administration.

The Statewide Efficiency Review conducted by Alvarez & Marsal included a recommendation to move the SEHP from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Administration. HB 2360 would transfer administration of the SEHP from the Division of Health Care Finance in the Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Administration. A new division would be established in the Department of Administration called the Division of the State Employee Health Benefits Plan.

The Kansas State Employees Health Care Commission (HCC) was created by the 1984 Legislature through the enactment of K.S.A. 75-6501 et seq. to “develop and provide for the implementation and administration of a state health care benefits program. . . . [It].” The staff of the SEHP provides information to the HCC for all contractual, plan design, rate determination and provides the daily administration of the health based on the direction of the HCC.

All powers, duties, functions, employees and fund balances of the Division of Health Care Finance to administer the SEHP would be transferred to the Department of Administration. The bill does not have a fiscal impact or alter the funds, expenditures and positions that would move from the Kansas Department of Health and Environment to the Department of Administration and the bill does not make any changes to the SEHP.